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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FOR DIKEOS FROM SCHULTZ

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: AREA SY CONFERENCE

REF: DASS/RSS TELECON 1 OCTOBER.

1. ADDIS AIRPORT REPORTEDLY NOW OPERATING AND EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME SY CONFERENCE HERE; HOWEVER, GENERAL FEELING IS THAT THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF THINGS THAT COULD OCCUR WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THAT WOULD COMPLICATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARROEMENTS INVOLVED WITH SUCH A MEETING AND THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO PLAN TO HOLD IT ELSEWHERE, AS EXAMPLES, LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE WAS SCENE OF EXPLOSION THIS MORNING AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF STRIKES IN PROGRESS.

2. PER REFTELECON, I CONTRACTED CHARLES BROWN AT NAIROBI AND HE HAS ADVISED THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME AND CAN ACCOMODATE OUR CONFERENCE DURING THE WEEK OF 20 OCTOBER. THIS WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY TEN PERSONS MEETING IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS. I HAVE ASKED THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE AT HILTON HOTEL UNLESS PARTICIPANTS REQUEST OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. I WILL PLAN TO BE AT NAIROBI AT LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE TO ASSIST WITH DETAILS.

3. OIC DOIG HAS SUGGESTED THAT RSO ROBERTS PARTICIPATE
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IN NAIROBI CONFERENCE VICE ABIDJAN SINCE MOST OF

VINSHASA AREA IS IN RTC ADDIS TERRITORY AND THEY COULD HAVE SOME USEFUL DISCUSSIONS. I HAVE NO OBJECTION AND YOU MIGHT CONSIDER GIVING ROBERTS OPTION.

4. WOULD LIKE YOU TO VISIT ADDIS IF CONDITIONS HERE AT THE TIEM PERMIT. SINCE AIRLINE SCHEDULES APPARENTLY WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO REACH ABIDJAN VIA WESTERN ROUTES BEFORE SUNDAY IN ANY CASE, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER MITOP-OVER HERE. THERE ARE FLIGHTS TO ABIDJAN FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SOME REQUIRING OVERNIGHT LAYOVERS AT EITHER ACCRA OR LAGOS.

5. NAIROBI REQUEST CONFIRMATION AND DETAILS EARLIEST AS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS SOMETIMES ARE TIGHT.
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